Potential RN Vacancies

U.S. Naval Hospital, Okinawa

Nurse Specialist, Mother Infant Care Center, (MICC)

- The Staff Nurse plans and provides nursing care for women of childbearing age and newborn infants in a family centered patient care setting. The nursing staff may be required to provide continuous observation, monitoring and interventions, if potential problems arise.
- Assesses newly admitted patients and initiates a plan of care based on the nursing assessment.
- Assesses actual and potential health problems considering social, psychological, spiritual, cultural and physiological data collected.
- Ongoing assessment, data collection, intervention and evaluation of the pregnant women and infant (fetus) status will occur from the MICC through labor, childbirth and post-delivery periods for each patient.
- Monitors and formulates an individualized plan of care which may include, but is not limited to: observation, vital signs, fetal monitoring, calculation of intravenous fluids, venipuncture and blood transfusion.
- Performs decisively in emergency patient situations following established protocols, remaining calm, informing appropriate persons and documenting events accurately.
- The work requires extensive walking, standing, stretching, lifting and bending in caring for patients on units. The work is performed in a hospital setting where there is potential for exposure to contagious disease, radiation, infection and contact with emotionally disturbed patients.

Nurse Specialist, Emergency Department

- This position performs professional nursing practice within the Emergency Department (EMD), providing an advanced level of specialized nursing care to all age populations consistent with the Emergency Nurses Association Standards of Emergency Nursing Practice.
- Patient care requirements vary from non-urgent to life threatening illness or injury. The
 incumbent must demonstrate complex technical and cognitive skills to achieve quality
 patient care outcomes. Advanced assessment skills are required for comprehensive triage
 to determine priorities of care based upon physical and psychosocial needs. Provides
 ongoing assessment and intervention based upon chief complaint and medical diagnosis.
- Serves as a resource for less experienced nurses and unlicensed personnel; provides guidance, education, orientation, leadership, and feedback to these personnel. The incumbent demonstrates knowledge of the principle of growth and development over the lifespan of the population served in the clinic/unit.
- Provides specialized nursing care to emergent patients with illness and injuries that require adaptation of established nursing procedures to include triage of patients based upon chief complaint and presenting symptoms. Orders diagnostic tests based upon triage assessments per department protocols.

Nurse Specialist, ICU

- This performs professional nursing duties within the Intensive Care Unit, providing an
 advanced level of specialized nursing care to critically ill patients. Those patients are
 characterized by the presence of real or potential life threatening health problems that
 require continuous observation and intervention to prevent complications and restore
 health.
- The incumbent demonstrates knowledge of the principles of growth and development over the lifespan of the population served in the clinic/unit.
- Provides specialized nursing care to critical patients in a Intensive Care Unit with injuries and illnesses that require adaptation of established nursing procedures.
- Assesses, plans, implements and evaluates all aspects of care for the critically ill patients of all age groups.
- Provides skilled comprehensive nursing care to ICU patients demonstrating competency in specialized procedures and equipment.
- Observes patient's changing condition to formulate and update plans for care consistent with recognized nursing standards and in accordance with prescribed medical treatment.
- Communicates with attending physician staff in a timely manner for changes in patient condition and responses to interventions.
- Performs such nursing procedures as nasal-pharyngeal, endotracheal and gastric suction, insertion of nasogastric tubes urinary catheterization, venipuncture, chest physical therapy1 continuous cardiac and invasive hemodynamic monitoring, inhalation treatments, etc.
- Administers intravenous push (IVP) medications according to established protocol.
- Performs decisively in emergency situations informing appropriate persons and documenting events.
- Supervises the preparation of patients for tests, examinations, treatments and/or other surgery.
- Prepares and reviews records for completeness and performs necessary patient teaching.

Supervisory Clinical Nurse

- The position of Supervisory, Clinical Nurse involves supervision of staff and providing high level nursing care to DOD Beneficiaries and family members and includes medicalsurgical, obstetrical and pediatric patients. Nursing care may involve management of routine, non-emergent patients as well as participating in the more complex management of the seriously ill/very seriously ill emergent patients as in multiple trauma, cardiopulmonary arrest, heat injuries, etc. The incumbent demonstrates knowledge of the principles of growth and development over the lifespan of the population served in the clinic/ward.
- Oversees daily operation of the clinic. Ensures functionality and communication between the clinic staff, lab, pharmacy, radiology and operational Marine Corps Units. Makes assignments for clinic corps personnel, GS workers and MLC employees; directs and guides them in providing optimal nursing care. Functions as the immediate supervisor for all GS and MLC employees. Evaluates work performance of employees; gives advice, counsel or instruction to employees on both work and administrative matters; plans and establishes work schedules, deadlines, and standards of acceptable work; develop performance standards; assigns work to subordinates based on priorities; hears and resolves complaints from employees; effects minor disciplinary measures such as warnings and reprimands and identifies training for employees.
- Administers vaccines and medications as indicated for routine and/or special requirements. Provides individual and family patient education concerning prescribed medications, immunizations, and allergens. Provides assessment and immediate intervention in the event of adverse reactions. Maintains accurate administrative reports/logs and updates immunization records. Directs/guides corps staff in providing a high level of nursing care to patients receiving routine immunizations.
- Assists with large volume health care evolutions. Responsible for organizing, managing and nursing aspects of Periodic Health Assessments and Readiness exercises.
- Performs nursing procedures such as venipuncture, urinary catheterization, nasogastric intubation in a safe and effective manner. Ensures adequate patient flow in clinic.
- Accurately and safely administers oxygen, starts and administers IV fluids with or without medications added, administers blood according to proper procedures, administers prescribed medications intravenously, orally, subcutaneously, intramuscularly, rectally, topically, and intranasally.
- Ensures patient and staff safety through increased awareness, proper infections control and proper use and availability of equipment. Ensures clinic adheres to all National Patient Safety Goals and processes established from higher authority.

Clinical Nurse – Branch Clinics

- The position of Clinical Nurse is involved in providing a high level of nursing care to medical-surgical, obstetrical and pediatric patients. Nursing care may involve management of routine, non-emergent patients as well as participating in the more complex management of the seriously ill and emergent patient as in multiple trauma, cardio pulmonary arrest, etc. The incumbent demonstrates knowledge of the principles of growth and development over the lifespan of the population served in the clinic/ward.
- Administers vaccines and allergens as indicated for routine and/or special requirements.
 Provides individual and family patient education concerning prescribed medications, immunizations, and allergens.
- Provides assessment and immediate intervention in the event of adverse reactions.
 Maintains accurate administrative reports/logs and updates immunization records.
 Directs/guides corps staff in providing a high level of nursing care to patients receiving routine immunizations.
- Performs nursing procedures such as venipuncture, urinary catheterization, nasa- gastric intubation in a safe and effective manner. Helps to ensure adequate patient flow in clinic.
- Responds to telephone inquiries, giving appropriate guidance and health teaching as necessary and referring calls to a medical officer when required.

Clinical Nurse – APU/PACU

- Performs as a professional staff nurse in the Same Day surgery Unit. This position provides nursing care to surgical patients from neonate to laue-late adulthood. Responsibilities of this position include providing for patient care, controlling equipment and materials, coordinating the daily unit schedule, and participating in the implementation and improvement of nursing care standards in light of new medical, nursing and managerial concepts and methods The incumbent demonstrates knowledge of the principles of growth and development over the lifespan of the population served in the clinic/ward.
- Performs a wide range of professional nursing duties in the care of pre and postoperative patients.
- Delivers and/or ensures the delivery of quality pre and postoperative nursing care; instructs and informs nursing team of major priorities in the care of specific patients; possible plans of treatment; nursing procedures to ensure comfort and safety and to reduce patient anxiety; and effects safeguards to prevent possible contamination and transmission of pathogenic organisms.
- Manages patient/visitor/staff disturbances/complaints with tact and diplomacy, making referrals to the appropriate superior when needed.
- Adheres to and supports the guidelines of the Perioperative QI program. Institutes
 emergency measures including CPR when a physician is not immediately available.
 Serves as team leader on monthly unit CPR drill; assesses response and recommends
 training as necessary.
- Schedules and coordinates the week of the unit to ensure safe patient care and the effective utilization of personnel.

Nurse Specialist – OB/GYN

- The position of Nurse Specialist, OB/GYN Clinic is responsible for compliance with the Standards of Nursing Practice and/or performance that promotes optimal health care delivery and the administration of nursing care provided.
- Provides specialized nursing care to patients in the OB/GYN Clinic utilizing established Standards of Nursing Practice for the routine and complicated Obstetrical patient in accordance with Association of Women's Health, Obstetrical and Neonatal Nurses (AWHONN) and American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (ACOG) guidelines.
- Possesses knowledge of nursing concepts, principles, and practices of supervising, instructing, and providing specialized care to the patient population served by the clinic.
- Assesses the health education needs of the patient population served by the clinic and works towards meeting those needs.
- Performs timely and accurate telephone triage to include, patient education, patient information, and guided access to appropriate care using keen assessment, sharp critical thinking, and superior communication skills.
- Counsels and instructs patients in matters including diet, posture, prenatal and postpartum care, personal hygiene, family health problems, family planning, pre and post operative gynecological surgeries, sexually transmitted diseases, Rubella immunizations, gestational diabetes, isoimmunization, dysplasia, and the necessity for immunizations, and other areas of health care as designated by the DIVO, DH and/or Provider.
- Conducts antepartum testing to include monitoring and interpreting fetal heart tones and uterine contractions, and measuring amniotic fluid indices. Incumbent responds rapidly and appropriately to abnormal fetal heart rate tracings, and/or uterine contraction patterns, and/or abnormal amniotic fluid measurements.
- Performs as Nurse Educator in Welcome to Pregnancy, Childbirth classes, departmental tours, Happiest Baby on the Block and sibling classes, etc., as needed to provide patient and family education.
- Assigns duties to professional and ancillary staff members and personally directs and participates in nursing activities. Revises workload as needed.
- Supervises and evaluates professional and ancillary staff members work performance in terms of patient care, staff relations and degree of competency. Identifies specific problems and suggests appropriate corrective actions.
- Initiates and participates in nursing research as related to improving patient care. Attends seminars, workshops, and in-service programs for continuing education. Attends departmental meetings with supervisory and administrative staff to discuss clinic operations. Participates in the clinic Performance Improvement Program. Promotes optimal patient care through same